

Rivets 2 Wycombe Wanderers 6

RIVETS, Aylesbury's little-works side, had their hopes of another brilliant Berks and Bucks Senior Cup run finally ended by two decisive goals in the 61st and 62nd minutes.

Both came from Wycombe's veteran striker, Tony Horseman, the scorer of so many vital goals for the Isthmian League champions.

But Horseman's goals put an entirely different reflection on the game. And if anything gave Wycombe a rather fortunate 5-2 lead.

They certainly could not have wished for a better start against their Rothmans Hellenic League opponents, a side containing several promising youngsters.

The Blues' first goal came in the 4th minute — in virtually their first attack of the match. Terry Reardon mis-hit his shot, following a cross by Alexander, but even so it found its way into the far corner.

But within a minute gallant Rivets were level. Their skilful winger, James Murray, who only seconds before had seen his shot rebound off a post, set up the goal with a typical confident run on the left.

His cross found the unmarked Steve Hayward, who slid the ball underneath Spittle's sprawling body.

But it was once again "Bodger" Horseman who restored Wycombe's lead

in the 18th minute. The little striker headed Holifield's cross unchallenged past the unfortunate Dave Turner, who had an unhappy match.

Ten minutes later it was a mistake by Turner which led directly to Wycombe's third goal.

Turner mis-hit a goal-kick and the ball rolled gently to Alexander on the edge of the area, who quickly found Horseman.

Horseman centred to give Holifield the simplest of chances from close in.

But he certainly made amends for the error in the 35th minute, with a brilliant save from Reardon's full-blooded volley.

Rivets, however, trailing 3-1 at the interval, staged a spirited revival during the early minutes of the second half.

Caro shocked the cup holders with a goal in the 55th minute — as once again the Blues were punished for their slackness. Caro nipped in to drive home a low cross,

following good work by Dick Peel.

But then Wycombe ended the works side's hopes with two rather fortunate goals.

First, Turner was left helpless when Horseman's shot spun off a defender's boot. The young keeper could only watch as the ball deflected over his head and into the back of the net.

Then Horseman completed his hat-trick when Turner, unsighted by several defenders, was beaten by a rather speculative shot, a minute later.

Then in the dying seconds substitute Geoff Anthony scrambled in Wycombe's sixth goal.

Rivets: D. Turner, G. Jackson, W. Harrison, K. Archibald, B. Braber, P. Gregory, R. Peel, F. Sireete, S. Hayward, M. Caro, J. Murray. Sub: R. Robertson, A. Hobbs.

Wycombe: R. Spittle, R. Eaton, D. Bullock, K. Mead, J. Delaney, T. Reardon, D. Alexander, H. Kennedy, A. Horseman, M. Holifield, D. Evans. Sub: G. Anthony.

Half-time 3-1. Goalscorers: Wycombe — T. Horseman (3), D. Alexander, T. Reardon and M. Holifield. Rivets — J. Murray, M. Caro. Referee: Mr. D. J. Potter.

Things they said

DICK PEEL, Rivets player/manager, said after the match that the scoreline flattered Wycombe Wanderers.

"They did not impress me as much as last season when we lost 7-1 in the semi-finals. They seem to have lost some of their authority.

"I was pleased with our performance, but dis-

appointed that our own mistakes gave them two of the goals.

"I was particularly pleased with the way our youngsters played. They showed plenty of confidence and skill."

Chairman Les Anderson: "We did not expect to win, but we are all happy with our performance. It was a good display."